(d) Target for exploration for ONGC for the year 2008-09 includes acquisition of 11297 Ground Line Kilometres/Line Kilometres of 2 D seismic and 17549 square Kilometres of 3 D seismic data and drilling of 138 exploratory wells.

Statement

Exploratory drilling undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) during the years 2006-07 *and* 2007-08

State	Exploratory wells drilled (2006-07)	Exploratory wells drilled (2007-08)
Andhra Pradesh	12	9
Assam	6	10
Gujarat	32	36
Rajasthan	1	2
Tamil Nadu	12	7
Tripura	1	7
Uttar Pradesh	1	Nil
Eastern Offshore	12	10
Western Offshore	10	17
TOTAL:	87	98

State/UT-wise production of oil and gas by ONGC for the year 2006-07

State	Crude oil production (in MMT)	Natural Gas Production (in MMSCM)
Gujarat	6.124	2185.05
Assam	1.331	498.5
Andhra Pradesh	0.251	1525.07
Tamil Nadu	0.354	1130.17
Rajasthan	Nil	17.17
Tripura	Nil	519.78
Offshore	17.993	16566.57
TOTAL:	26.053	22442.32

MMT—Million Metric Tonne

MMSCM—Million Standard Cubic Meter

Delay in Indo-Iran gas pipeline project

2427. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to delay in implementation of Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline project, Iran have stated that it will divert the project in case there is any further delay;

(b) if so, what is Government's stance in this regard; and

(c) the reason for the delay in implementing IPI project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No such communication has been received from Iran.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.

New discoveries by ONGC

2428. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has announced discoveries of four sites of crude oil and natural gas in the country;

(b) if so, whether three of the discoveries are on land and the fourth is offshore;

(c) whether the Board also cleared three major investments for growth oriented projects; and

(d) if so, to what extent oil and gas will be acquired from these wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) During the year 2007-08, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has made 28 crude oil and natural gas discoveries (13 New Prospect & 15 New Pools) in its onland and offshore operational areas. Out of the 13 new prospects discoveries, six are in on land and seven are in the eastern and western offshore areas of the country. In case of new pool discoveries, 13 are in the onland and two in the eastern offshore areas of the country.

(c) and (d) The ONGC Board has approved the following four growth oriented new field development projects:

1. C-series Field Development
2. B-22 cluster Fields Development
3. B-46 cluster Fields Development
4. B-193 cluster Fields Development

Details of these projects and the amount of envisaged oil and gas production from these projects are as under:

Sl. No.	Name	Approved cost (Rs. Cr.)	Expected oil & gas production
1.	C-Series Fields Development	3195.16	6.13 MMm3 of condensate and 15.14 BCM gas by the year 2023-24.
2.	B-22 cluster Fields Development	2323.40	2.46 MMT of oil 1.13 MMT of condensate and 6.56 BCM gas by the year 2019-20.
3.	B-46 cluster Fields Development	1436.21	1.483 MMm3 of condensate and 4.48 CBM gas by the year 2021-22.
4.	B-193 cluster Fields Development	3248.78	5.57 MMT of oil, 0.75 MMT of condensate and 5.12 BCM gas by the year 2023-24.